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In re: Kiy, T. : Examiner: Marx, I.  
Serial No.: 09/508,977 : Art Unit: 1651  
Filed: March 17, 2000 : Docket No.: 1997/F-237  
For: Fermentation Process with Continuous :  
Mass Cultivation of Ciliates (Protozoa) for :  
Producing Biogenous Valuable Substances :

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant requests reconsideration based on the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

***Amendments to the Claims***

Please amend claims 15, 23 and 25-27 to read as follows:

15. A continuous fermentation process for producing a ciliate biomass:
  - (i) continuously cultivating ciliates in a volume of complex axenic aqueous culture